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Gentlemen:

We are in receipt of your May 7, 1992 letter, concerning the Operable Unit 1 (881 Hillside) RFI/RI Report. As you are aware, we are having problems with laboratory turnaround times. This is affecting our ability to produce a timely document that includes the results of the RFI/RI Investigation. The laboratory turnaround delays are the subject of an EPA audit request forinformation, dated April 17, 1992. We submitted the requested information on May 8, 1992.

Although we met the December 18, 1991, supporting milestone for completion of OU1 field activities, we are requesting a 123 working day extension from the current July 30, 1992 schedule date for the Draft and Final RFI/RI Report. The new deliverable date, based on the 123 working day extension, would be January 29, 1993.

The subcontract laboratories receiving our analytical samples have not been able to meet the sample turnaround schedule for radionuclide analysis. The laboratory results are being returned in approximately twice the time frame of 63 days that was assumed in the detailed schedules of the Interagency Agreement (as shown on page 6 of the IAG Assumptions). Also, the Rocky Flats Environmental Data Base (RFEDS) input and the independent validation process for data is occurring in about 100 working days, more than 4 times the IAG-assumed time frame of 21 working days (page 7, IAG Assumptions).

	The EPA audit of the data turnaround problem should help us identify the cause of the delays
CONTROL X X	and provide a means to correct the situation. In the meantime, we are currently in preparation
	of the Draft RFI/RI Report that does not contain the Phase III RFI/RI data. We will continue to
	work on the RFI/RI Report for submission on July 30 until we receive relief on the IAG
od fan Addin	submittal milestone. We prefer to incorporate all of the Phase III data but have no realistic

option unless we receive a schedule extension.

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If you have any questions, please contact Richard Schassburger at 966-4888 or Scott Grace at 966-7199 of my staff.

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